

**July 14, 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday – July 13th – Vigil Mass**

5PM: Alice Curran (Fr. Benn)

**Sunday – July 14th – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30: Guidance of the Holy Spirit for All Election Candidates & Voters (Fr. Benn)

**Monday – July 15th – Weekday – St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9AM: Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Tuesday – July 16th – Weekday – Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

9AM: Intentions of Mary Gambino (Lay Carmelite Community)

**Wednesday – July 17th – Weekday –**

9AM: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
Blessing for All Expecting Mothers

**Thursday – July 18th – Weekday – St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

9AM: No Mass - Readings and Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – July 19th – Weekday –**

9AM: Intentions of Donna Sousa (Lay Carmelite Community)  
Rogelio Mendez (Lilian & Family)

**Saturday – July 20th – Weekday – St. Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr, BVM**

9AM: Intervention of the Holy Spirit for All Suffering from Depression

**Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life!**

Lynda Stefanski, Peter Libasci, Joseph Bonk, Tom Trotter, Dave Blessing, Jeff Olimpo, Matt Sebastiano, Maria Middleton, Fern & John Gibson, William Merkle, Russ Funkhouser, Joseph Jones, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Andrew Schlotter, Bethany Steinberg, Joann Thaler, Julie Petry, Steven Fusco, Greg Gambino, Patrick D. Brown, Douglas Defreest, Jr., Benny LoScalzo, Steve Ombalski, Jane Burger, Ginny LaBar, Michael Gawronski, Marciano Alves Viera, Bernadette Maszczak, Shawn Kelly

Please Update the Above Prayers If Needed. Contact Parish Office

**Church of Saint Lawrence**

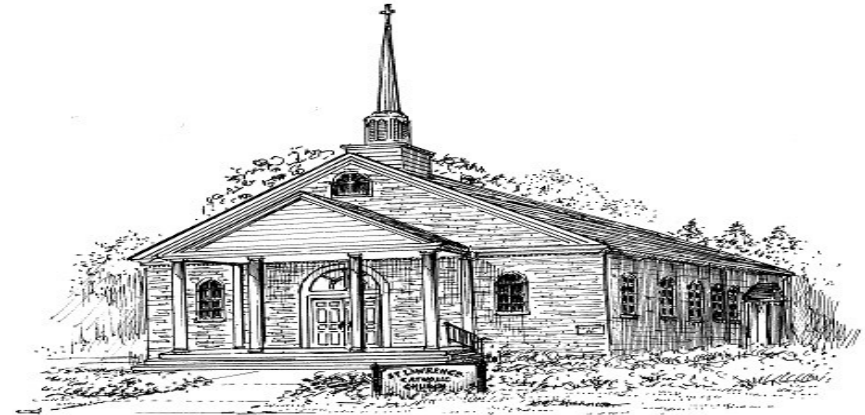
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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday @ 9:30AM – 11AM

**Confessions:** Saturday @ 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ Church. Via Appointment - Contact Rectory

**Holy Name Society:** Meets Monthly; Second Monday @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall (Sept – May)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Meets Monthly; Second Thursday @ 7PM (Sept – May)

**Lay Carmelite Community of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes:** Meets Monthly, First Saturday Following the 9AM Mass in Ceader Hall.

**Marthas & Marys Ministry:** Faith based group, meets First Thurs. @ 11:30AM @ Ceader Hall

**Weddings:** Contact Rectory for Details. Plans Preferred Minimun 6 Months in Advance.

**Parish PREP Classes & New Parishoners:** Contact Rectory via Phone or email.

**Rectory Office:** Mon-Fri @ 9:30AM – 12 noon

## Pastor's Corner! July 14, 2024

Today's Gospel is one that I suspect most of us can identify with, and with some level of joy for the "Twelve," take satisfaction. Our Lord is sending the Apostles out on their own for the first time. Until now, they have been staying by Our Lord's side, learning by listening and watching Him, and especially by learning through their many discussions about everything he did and said during their end-of-the-day get-togethers. Now, He has indicated His confidence in them by entrusting His message with them...unsupervised! For the Apostles, it must have been a day of great pride in themselves. Like puppies, they were anxious to please their Master and proud to be identified with Him. Nevertheless, before sending them off, He impresses upon them that as important as their preaching and healing will be, the most important item that should be in their spiritual toolbox is their absolute faith in the Father. They are about the Father's work, which is caring for His children. Being on a mission is not about themselves or worrying about people's perception of them because of the Father's message or their creature comforts while on the road. Trust in the

Father! The sign to the people of their trust in the Father is that they are to travel light and rely exclusively on the Father. *"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick, no food, no sack, no money in the belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic."* This is all very impressive and inspiring, but it is also very risky. This is exactly the point that Jesus wants to make for them. The people won't be convinced of their message about their Father's love for them if they don't see the Apostles taking the same risk. They must be ready to empty themselves out for everyone, regardless of whether it is appreciated, misunderstood, celebrated, or betrayed. Out of love for the people whom they will minister, they must be ready to love them. Our Lord is telling them that you cannot preach what you do not live.

So, my sisters and brothers, let us always keep the Lord's call-in front of us. You might not be a theologian, and you might not see yourself doing well in convincing people to move toward Christ with your responses but do not underestimate the power of God's love if it is in you. Be genuine, be honest, and be humble about your Faith. And those around you will pick up on that and be

inspired by it. On the surface, the people in our lives might not be possessed by Satan, but they might be dealing with evil. They might not have a deadly disease, but their spirit might be dealing with exhausting fatigue or prolonged issues at home, within the family, or at work. These are the people that Our Lord sends us out to, bringing to them His presence in order that He might make them whole and heal their hearts and their spirits. Our Lord will never be able to do this through us unless we stay close to Him in daily prayer, through our celebration of the Eucharist, plus our acknowledgment of our own need for healing by putting ourselves regularly in His presence through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Remember! You can't give what you don't have! You can't preach what you don't live!**

Your brother in Christ,



**Collections:** July 7 Parish @ \$1913, Mission, Human Development @ \$75 Thank You.

**Coffee & Donuts:** Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in Cedar Hall following 9:30AM Mass. All invited to this free Parish activity.



### Catholic Women's Conference 2024

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2024 theme is "The Joys of Womanhood, Sacred, Beloved, & Beautiful." Throughout the day, we will learn how we as women are daughters of God with unique gifts that when cultivated will bring joy to ourselves and others. Speakers include: Father Stephen DeLacy, Emily Wilson, Kimberly Cook, Dominique Brutus, De Yarrison, and the Sisters of Life. Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9am-4:00pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. *Early sellout is expected.*

**Registration Available through the Saint Lawrence Altar Rosary Society. Group registration will reduce fee to \$50.00!**

**Deadline: August 17, 2024 See flyer in the back of the church.**

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